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ARMY NAMES NEW LOGISTICS UNITS IN IRAQ

BALAD, Iraq - Taking the shape of the Army they serve, two Army Materiel Command organizations in Iraq uncased new colors yesterday.

Army Field Support Brigade – Iraq replaces AMC Logistics Support Element – Iraq and Equipment Support Activity – Iraq Zone has become Army Field Support Battalion – Iraq.

“These newly designated units reflect their parent, Army Field Support Command, and signal a change from the static to the expeditionary. Our structure now matches that of the Army we support,” said Col. Xavier P. Lobeto, commander of the new brigade.

Speaking at the ceremony, Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, noted the newly designated units are on the forefront of transformation, providing combat logistics support to troops in the field. He compared Army Field Support Command and its newest brigade and battalion to the Army’s 911 capability: Able to respond immediately and deliver logistics power wherever and whenever joint forces require.

“Today’s ceremonial change validates our concept of expeditionary logistics support,” said Lobeto. “Here in Iraq, we’ve harnessed all the capabilities of Army Materiel Command to serve Soldiers on the battlefield. From installing armor on the vehicle fleet to putting scientists to work on new methods of defeating insurgent tactics, the brigade and battalion are making a direct and positive contribution to the mission.”

With more than 2,500 people serving throughout Iraq, the new brigade and its subordinate battalion make good on the promise that if a Soldier wears it, drives it, shoots it, flies it or just plain needs it, AMC is poised to deliver it. “We’re one team of Soldiers, civilian employees and contractors, dedicated to one mission: supporting maneuver units,” Lobeto concluded.

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Troops uncased new colors for Army Field Support Brigade – Iraq and Army Field Support Battalion - Iraq during a May 31 ceremony at Logistics Support Area – Anaconda, Balad, Iraq. The newly designated units provide expeditionary logistics support to fighting forces in Iraq. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Maj. Joe Adelizzi)

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Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, commander of Army Materiel Command, addresses troops and guests during a May 31 ceremony at Logistics Support Area – Anaconda, Balad, Iraq. Army Field Support Brigade – Iraq and Army Field Support Battalion - Iraq colors were uncased to reflect the units’ role in expeditionary logistics support of forces in the field. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Maj. Joe Adelizzi)